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# The Voice

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**And deep down in the trusting eyes of children**
**Are tones as clear as any spoken word . . .**

We can ever hear God's voice if we but listen:
We can catch the sound across the wind-blown grass,
We can hear His words from the far-off blue horizon,
And in the patience of the still rocks as we pass.
And deep down in the trusting eyes of children
Are tones as clear as any spoken word,
While in the good deeds men do for each other
His insistent and approving voice is heard.

Within the glow of candlelight, and fire
On any homesweet hearth there comes the sound
Of His benediction drifting from the heavens,
Voicing His pleasure that His peace is found
Within the hearts and in the homes of mankind,
And when at a cross road, one must make a choice—
O Hearts, stand still a little while and listen,
For the voice you hear will surely be His voice.

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*July is not only a season of the year*

it is a season

of the mind and memory. Hot days and sultry nights and crashing thunderstorms are a part of July, and to the drone of the bees in the clover fields will soon be added the high-pitched sibilance of the cicada. The tang of ripe cherries and the sweetness of sunning hay belong to July, and so does the cool splash of flowing water where country boys go to swim when corn hoeing or garden weeding has been half finished. Orioles sing in the apple orchard and robins greet the sunrise, and in the evening there is the sweet sadness of the doves, the soft swish of their whistling wings.

But there are Julies other than this. Bees were loud in the clover and the oriole was singing on a July morning when a group of burgesses gathered in the church at Jamestown, there on the river James, to draw up a set of laws for the government of their colony. There was the smell of oozing pitch from the fresh timber, and there was the drone of persistent flies, as those men met; and out of that July meeting, more than three centuries ago, came a simple code of laws by which men might govern themselves. There was a crown governor, to be sure, but there was also the beginning of representative government.

Out of Jamestown, and out of Plymouth, and out of all those other meetings of men who knew in their hearts that man could govern himself, came, in due time, that July in Pennsylvania when farmers from the bee-loud fields came to a city square simmering with city heat and heard the declaration which codified that belief and that philosophy and proclaimed it to the world.

*July, sweet and sultry and filled with the sounds and smells of a fruitful season;*

*July, a season of man's remembering, man's rededicating himself to the hopes, the dreams, the aspirations of Julies long gone.*

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# Twenty-Second General Convention

Reported by the Edit

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

At the close of the first day of the Twenty-Second General Convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, it is possible to report, in addition to what has been accomplished by the convention, a few general impressions. True enough, every convention of our Church is a good deal like every other convention. There are the milling crowds . . . struggling to get registered, visiting with old and new friends, becoming acquainted with the documents which are to concern them, and so on and on. One thing that a seasoned convention-goer notices is that the lay delegates seem to become younger and younger as the years go by. It would be interesting to know just how many men there are below the age of fifty. It would also be interesting if one could compare the average of today with, say, fifteen or twenty years ago.

This is evidently going to be a very large convention. The report of the Credentials Committee at the opening of this evening's session showed that the voting strength is now 1,937. In addition, there are 168 advisory members, making a grand total of 2,105. One cannot help wondering whether we are going to reach the 2,500 mark this year. Certainly, it is a tremendous convention. This afternoon the facilities of Central Lutheran Church were surely taxed. I shudder to think what it will be like tomorrow when the full voting strength of the convention is present.

### Morning of Worship

As always, the first morning of the convention was devoted to a service of divine worship which included the Holy Communion. There are few more inspiring sights than to stand at the back of the church and see the hundreds and hundreds of convention members approach the Table of the Lord to receive there His Body and His Blood. As usual, we were not able to get an exact count, but surely there must have been much more than a thousand who took Communion.

A change from former conventions which appealed very much to me was combining the Communion and Morning Worship in such a way that the convention sermon was also the Confessional Address. Not only did this shorten the service—something which is necessary with such an enormous crowd—but it also made of this service a more unified whole. As it was, the service was not completed until about fifteen minutes later than the scheduled time.

Convention preacher was the vice president of T Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dr. S. C. Eastvold, pre dent of Pacific Lutheran College. Preaching on t theme, "Forward March—Advance," Dr. Eastvold pav the way for a convention which can truly be of Go I wish it were possible to reprint his entire sermo One paragraph in particular struck home to the hear of all those who have thought through the crucial de sions which lie before us:

"We enter this convention with fear and tremblin for there are things we wish we would not have to fac None the less, let us start with the assurance that Go will supply our needs on the march. We will not nee to beg of Edom while we are as independent as Abr ham. Let us advance and march forward, owing th world nothing, paying our fare by the grace of God t the full. Let us show more confidence in God in th future."

Following the opening service, the ten districts of th Church met in various places in the buildings of Centra Lutheran. Purpose was chiefly two-fold. In almost ever district there were pastors and congregations to be re ceived into membership. In the second place, each dis trict delegation was charged with the task of nominatin two candidates for the Committee on Elections. This i a departure from other years. Previously, we have use a preliminary nominating committee, usually appointe by the president, which has submitted candidates for th Committee on Elections. Certainly, the new method ha much to commend it. The result is that those who know the members of their own delegations best indicate tw from whom the convention chooses one. Later in th day, the twenty names resulting from the district nomi nations were placed before the convention and ten were elected by ballot. These ten men will serve as the Com mittee on Elections or nominating committee for the duration of the convention.

### Afternoon of Preparation

The second session of any convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church follows a fixed pattern. It is given over chiefly to the annual message of the president of the Church, a message which traditionally is on "the state of the Church." This was Dr. Schiotz's first such address to The Evangelical Lutheran Church. True, he reported to the district conventions a year ago. However, the message of a general convention year is always more elaborate. It proved to be a carefully studied and deeply

ving document. Our new president led the convention into the areas it must follow, not only during the ys of this convention, but in the years to come.

In addition, Mrs. Oscar Branstad, president of the omen's Missionary Federation, brought a greeting m the women's auxiliary of our Church. A number other greetings were also read.

According to the Constitution, election of general offirs always takes place at this session. The general presint is elected for a six year term and was accordingly t up for re-election this year. For the other officers, all e incumbents were re-elected, as follows: vice presint, Dr. S. C. Eastvold; second vice president, Dr. Lawnce M. Stavig; secretary, the Reverend O. H. Hove; d treasurer, Mr. Norman H. Nelson. All were unaniously re-elected by acclamation.

### To Meet a Trust"

he session this evening was altogether devoted to the nances of the Church. That is to say, it had to do with e recommended budget for 1957-1958. Since our hurch has conventions only biennially, it is the prace of the Board of Trustees to submit an annual budget hich, other things being equal, remains unchanged for e two years of the ensuing biennium. It is the director f stewardship who reports the proposed budget on bealf of the Board of Trustees, in other words, Dr. aymond M. Olson.

I am quite sure that even the most seasoned convenion-goer will agree that never in the history of The vangelical Lutheran Church has a more masterful job f presenting a budget been done than was the case this vening. A tremendous amount of thought and planning ad gone into preparing the budget itself. Then Dr. Olon had prepared, very, very carefully, a pictorial analysis of the whole thing. Using a projector and screen, a series of slides was shown the convention which analyzed the proposed budget in necessary detail. Furthermore, there was not a little attention paid to the possibility of the Church meeting such a budget. All of it was done with a deeply spiritual tone. Never, in all the years of the history of our Church, have I heard a presentation which so made of the budget the spiritual blessing that it rightly should always be. The convention adopted the proposed budget with only a very, very few dissenting votes.

Since the proposed budget has already appeared in Lutheran Herald, there is little object in going into any detail. One thing should be mentioned. The Board of Trustees brought in an additional resolution to the effect that the Luther League should now be placed on the budget. During all the years since it was established, the Luther League has not received budget support, but has depended upon gifts from Luther Leagues and individuals. The other auxiliaries of the Church have been on the budget. Now it has become the considered conviction of the Board of Trustees and the Board of the Luther League that it would be well if the Luther League too receive budgetary support. The amount recommended, $78,700, was accepted by the convention by unanimous vote. This means, then, a total budget for The ELC of $6,160,774 for each of the years 1957 and 1958.

It is quite a temptation to philosophize more than a little on this whole matter of the adoption of the budget by this convention. It is not so many years ago that we had seemingly settled into a sort of "doldrums" on the matter of budget. We had arrived at a certain point, and, biennium after biennium, we adopted approximately the same budget. That was a sum in the neighborhood of a million dollars. True enough, year after year we exceeded it by a great deal. However, for many years there was little disposition on the part of the convention to change the figure.

What a different picture we see today! Year after year the Church votes a larger budget. And, thank God, year after year the Church reaches that budget. We shall not take the time to go into any detail at this point, other than to say that there is much to be thankful to God for in the stewardship picture of our Church. But let us hasten to add also that a great deal remains to be done. None of us can honestly say that either we as individuals or the congregations we represent are doing anywhere near what we could and should do.

So ends the first day of this convention. It has been a good day, a wonderful day. May the Great Bishop of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ, send His Spirit over us day by day. May He show us the way in which He would have us walk.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 21

This was "Union Day" at the twenty-second general convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. It is true that other matters came before the convention during the day. Some of these will be dealt with in later writings. We shall confine ourselves here for the present to the question of union as it was considered by the convention.

### Preliminaries

Never have we seen any matter come before a convention of our Church which had been more carefully prepared than the matter of the union presentation. The delegates and pastors had, presumably, had ample time to study and analyze the *Report* of the Joint Union Committee, containing the basic documents for the proposed new Church and the resolutions to be acted upon.

In addition, Dr. Schiotz had prepared a careful statement setting forth the procedure which he intended to follow. The first part of this statement was read to the convention by Dr. Lawrence M. Stavig, second vice president of the Church. It outlined in detail exactly what the convention would be expected to discuss and act upon.

## Constitution and Bylaws

Dr. Schiotz then called on Dr. T. F. Gullixson, a member of both the Union Committee and the Committee on Polity and Organization, to introduce the Constitution and Bylaws. This Dr. Gullixson did in some detail, pointing out the salient features of these two documents and also indicating matters which might demand clarification and discussion. The Constitution and Bylaws were then received for informal discussion.

Before this discussion began, however, the president placed before the convention paragraph (c) of Resolution III, a part of the instructions to the new Union Committee, authorizing the Joint Union Committee to receive from the various conventions suggestions for the amendment of the basic documents. This was, of course, pretty much a matter of form, and the resolution was adopted without discussion.

In addition, a supplementary resolution from the Union Committee of the ELC was submitted. It has the effect of implementing the resolution adopted earlier and makes three classifications of referred matters: First, such matters as are of such importance that the convention refers them directly to the Joint Union Committee; secondly, matters which are referred to the ELC Union Committee for referral to the Joint Union Committee, if the ELC Union Committee finds it wise to do so; thirdly, a blanket authorization for the ELC Union Committee to refer other matters to the Joint Union Committee at its discretion.

Following the adoption of these resolutions, the Constitution was gone through article by article. While a number of suggestions were passed on to either the Joint Union Committee or the ELC Union Committee, only a very few are of such importance as to merit notice here.

As was to be expected, the proposed name of the new Church, *The American Lutheran Church,* came in for a great deal of discussion. There seemed to be a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the suggested name. A number of counter proposals were made, which will be reported to the Joint Union Committee for consideration. However, the only specific action which was taken was a resolution, adopted by a large majority, expressing dissatisfaction with the proposed name. It was pointed out that it was the ELC Union Committee which originally proposed the name *The American Lutheran Church.* It was the feeling that there is probably some dissatisfaction with this name in t other bodies as well, and there is every likelihood th the Joint Union Committee may feel led to bring counter suggestion to the conventions of the negotiati Churches in 1958.

There was some discussion regarding the provisio of the Constitution concerning the General Conv tion. A resolution from the California District to t effect that representative conventions rather than de gate conventions, should be continued in the propos new Church was sent on to the Union Committee. motion to the effect that the convention petition t Joint Union Committtee to re-write the General Co vention Article, preserving the principle of represen tion by all parish pastors and from all congregatio and parishes, prevailed by a vote of 954 to 829.

This is one of the matters which was discussed committees for weeks on end. The principle of delega representation was contained in the blueprint of tw years ago. It would have seemed more natural for Th Evangelical Lutheran Church, which adopted the blu print, to have left this matter as it was. However, th convention was fully within its rights in passing th resolution it did. This makes it incumbent upon th ELC Union Committee to take the matter up and fo the Joint Union Committee to re-study the who thing.

By common consent the Bylaws were not given d tailed discussion. It was pointed out that a Bylaw the Church may be amended by any General Conve tion, and the feeling was that it would not be wis to spend a great deal of time at this convention di cussing matters which the new Church can change will. Accordingly, Convention Resolution I, providin for the adoption of Constitution and Bylaws, wa adopted by, as far as I was able to determine, a unan mous vote.

## Articles of Union

Dr. Tillman Sogge, member of the ELC Union Com mittee and chairman of the Joint Union Committee introduced the Articles of Union in a brief address. A motion to receive all these Articles of Union, with th exception of Articles X, Section 2 (World Council o Churches) was adopted. Again, the Articles were gon through one by one. While a number of matters wer referred to the Union Committee for further study there seemed to be general satisfaction with the Article of Union, and they did not occupy a great deal of th time of the convention.

## World Council of Churches

Article X, Section 2, was deferred until the evening session. This is without a doubt the most disputed matter connected with the union documents. Briefly, the

ovision of this section is that the new Church shall, its Constituting Convention, vote membership of e Church in the World Council of Churches. It is pulated, however, that the matter of continued mem- rship shall be subject to review at the first General nvention of the new Church which, according to e timetable, will be held in October, 1961. Since the an is that the new Church shall begin to function nuary 1, 1960, the temporary, or provisional, member- ip in the World Council of Churches is for a period about twenty months.

The situation regarding World Council membership s been difficult from the very beginning of union gotiations. Both the American Lutheran Church and e United Evangelical Lutheran Church have held embership in WCC since its organization in 1948. In at year, both the Lutheran Free Church and The vangelical Lutheran Church refused membership by ry decisive majorities. As most of our readers prob- ly know, many of us felt that no decision should be ade until after the new Church had begun to func- on. The American Lutheran Church and the United vangelical Lutheran Church, on the other hand, held ut for membership from the very beginning. The re- ulting compromise is what appears in Article X, Sec- on 2. Those who have read LUTHERAN HERALD during ne past few months are fully aware that there is a reat deal of dissatisfaction within the Church con- erning this section of the Articles of Union.

The president of the Church himself introduced rticle X, Section 2, in a masterly address. He not only escribed the World Council of Churches, of which e has intimate first-hand knowledge. He also went into reat detail as to the progress of negotiations in this rea, explaining carefully how it came about that the LC suggested the compromise which was finally dopted by the Joint Union Committee.

Following Dr. Schiotz's address, a motion was adopted o receive Article X, Section 2, for informal discussion. Dr. Schiotz explained that it would be possible to dis- uss not only the suggested procedure, but the merits f the World Council as well.

It was 8:55 P.M. before everything was squared away nd the discussion could begin. Dr. Schiotz announced hat nineteen men have asked to speak on the subject f the new Church and the World Council of Churches. The floor was given first to the Reverend R. A. Ofste- dal, member of the Union Committee and leader of he opponents of membership in the World Council of Churches. He was followed by Dr. V. T. Jordahl, presi- dent of the South Central district, which submitted certain resolutions which would have the force of re- scinding Article X, Section 2. The Reverend Olaf Holen, Roland, Iowa, also spoke. In order to make it possible for these speakers to have their say, the convention voted to adjourn at 9:45, extending the evening period by fifteen minutes.

### The Close of Day

As "Union Day" came to a close, therefore, it was possible to say that substantial progress had been made. Constitution and Bylaws had been adopted, and general agreement with all the Articles of Union other than the one dealing with the World Council of Churches had been expressed. However, the whole thing had taken a great deal of time, and it will be necessary for the convention to devote as much time as possible to the World Council issue and other union matters tomorrow. It means that we are running pretty far behind our schedule right now, and it will be necessary for the convention to work very hard during the remaining days.

Attendance continues to be tremendous. The report of the Committee on Credentials this evening showed a voting strength of 2,305, and a total convention membership of exactly 2,500. Central Lutheran Church is filled to the point of discomfort. That discomfort is made all the more acute by the fact that it is hot and humid. All in all, it has not been the most comfortable day, but most of the convention members have stayed loyally on the job.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 22

The exigencies of magazine production make the task of reporting a convention more than a little difficult. With a hungry press awaiting, it develops that thirty lines of convention report are urgently needed. This comes just as the convention is beginning its first major vote on a question, the answer to which has a bearing on the entire merger question.

There is, however, one significant item of news from today which has no connection with the great issues which have been occupying the convention all day. For the first time in the history of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, the general president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has appeared before one of our conventions to deliver a personal greeting. When it was learned that we and Missouri would be conducting our conventions simultaneously in the Twin Cities, Dr. Schiotz invited Dr. J. W. Behnken to visit our convention, an invitation which was graciously accepted. In a few heart-warming sentences Dr. Behnken brought the greetings and good wishes of his great body to The Evangelical Lutheran Church. On Monday of next week our president, upon invitation, will appear before the convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to extend our fraternal greetings.

In the minds of a great many, there is doubtless the hope and prayer that this interchange of courtesies presages the dawning of a new day in inter-Lutheran relationships.

## Eastern District

This afternoon the Eastern District elected the Reverend Myron C. Austinson, Janesville, Wisconsin, as its district president. Pastor Austinson was the vice president of the district at the time district president F. I. Schmidt died some months ago and has been acting as president of the district since that time. The Reverend C. J. Tellekson, Green Bay, Wis., was elected vice president.

In a later issue we shall have more information, together with a biographical sketch of the president elect. At this time we shall have to be content with giving our readers this news and of wishing Pastor Austinson the rich and full blessing of God as he takes over his responsible new position.

## An Abbreviated Day

Today has been abbreviated, not to say truncated, as far as progress in the union discussion is concerned. In the first place, the convention is already running over time and pushing aside matters which should have been on the agenda. Some of those matters cannot be delayed. For example, the corporation meetings of Luther College and St. Olaf College are set by law, and it was necessary for the convention to take time for them during the forenoon session. Further, the district conventions which had been called for this afternoon could not be postponed. This meant, actually, that not so very much time during the forenoon and afternoon could be devoted to the union discussion.

As for this evening, the convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church was not in session. In accord with a custom of many years' standing, the Women's Missionary Federation held a mass meeting which the delegates to the Church convention presumably attended. It was held in the Minneapolis auditorium. Truth to tell, many questioned the advisability of suspending the business sessions of the convention for this purpose, at the expense of the union discussion. Perhaps it is not altogether justifiable to do so. On the other hand, there is no question but that the joint meeting is always inspirational, and it surely has a great deal of public relations value.

In any case, it was an abbreviated day. The close of it finds a great deal of work remaining to be done on the union matters. It is to be hoped that tomorrow forenoon will see the entire matter brought to a satisfactory conclusion. I plan to leave a column at the very end of my available space to bring the whole thing up to date. Other matters will have to be left until next week.

## The Parliamentary Situation

It will be well, perhaps, to review the parliamentary situation which confronted the convention when the matter of union was taken up this morning. We hav stated earlier that Article X, Section 2, dealing wit membership of the new Church in the World Counc of Churches, was before the convention for informa discussion. It will also be recalled that a memorial fro the South Central District had been received and give status as a substitute resolution. The force of it was t rescind the action proposed in Article X, Section 2, an re-refer the entire World Council discussion to the Join Union Committee.

At the outset of the day, a further amendment wa proposed, which would have had the force of leavin the decision regarding the World Council for the Con stituting Convention.

At this point, a resolution was submitted as follows "Moved, That we suspend the rules and at this tim take up the following resolution for discussion:

"Be It Resolved, That The Evangelical Lutheran Church now accept membership in the World Counci of Churches on a confessional basis and authorizes th Church Council to take all necessary steps toward ful membership."

I might remark that, later in the day, the convention consented to a slight re-editing of this resolution. I do not have it in its edited form, but there was no substantial difference.

The convention voted by a large majority to take this resolution up for discussion. This action, then, had the force of tabling the matter which was before the convention, that is, the informal discussion of Article X Section 2. In other words, from that point on to the end of the session union matters had been laid aside. It is essential to understand that clearly if the story of the afternoon is to be kept clear. Let that be repeated. The effect of the convention action was to suspend all discussion of the proposed union, and from that point on, the discussion was identical with that of 1948 and revolved around the question of membership for The Evangelical Lutheran Church in the World Council of Churches.

## The Discussion

Such a large number of convention members had asked for the floor in order to discuss the World Council of Churches issue that the convention found it wise to place a limit upon the time allotted for this discussion. By resolution it was decided that each side should have forty-five minutes at its disposal. It was agreed that a vote on the resolution should be taken at 4:15 P.M., just at the close of the afternoon business session.

The chair suggested that all those who had asked for time in favor of the World Council meet together, and all those who had asked for time in opposition meet

gether, and among them decide who should speak, d for what length of time. The result of this arrangement was that each side chose nine men to represent it. should be understood that this was a purely informal rrangement. It does not imply that either proponents or opponents were organized so that they had any rganization which could allocate the time. It was mply a sort of "gentlemen's agreement" among those pposing and those favoring. To the credit of both ides, no one attempted to take extra time, and it was ossible to conclude the discussion at the stipulated time.

There is nothing to be gained by giving the details of he discussion here. Actually, the whole thing was trikingly reminiscent of the 1948 convention. There eemed to be no difference in the arguments for and gainst. The speakers did the best they could to present case for whichever side they favored, and they were istened to with a great deal of attention.

## And Then the Vote

At a few minutes after 4 o'clock, the presentation by both sides had been concluded and the convention proceeded to vote. President Schiotz had earlier ruled that, while it would have been perfectly constitutional to state that a bare majority would be needed to pass or defeat this resolution, he felt that the two thirds rule should be imposed. No one objected to that, and thus it was ruled that the same provision as obtained in 1948 should now obtain, that a two thirds majority would be required. It was also agreed that the vote was to be by written ballot.

The result of the voting was as follows:

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| Number of votes cast | 2,119 |
| Needed to carry | 1,413 |
| Votes in favor | 1,434 |
| Votes opposed | 685 |

In other words, at the conclusion of today, The Evangelical Lutheran Church has by a large majority, more than two thirds, voted to apply for membership in the World Council of Churches and has instructed its Church Council to take the proper steps to carry out that resolution.

I shall not at this time attempt any comment on this turn of events. Whatever space is left in this issue I must reserve to attempt to give the conclusion to the entire union discussion at the close of tomorrow's sessions. There will be ample time to discuss this decision in detail in forthcoming issues.

## Union Discussion Concluded

As indicated some lines back, this final column of the six pages I allotted to convention report in this issue has been held open in order to be able to conclude the story of the union discussion. It has been necessary to hold up this issue seriously in order to get all this material in, and I want to thank the folks in the shops at Augsburg Publishing House for making it possible, at the cost of no little inconvenience to many of them.

It will be recalled that Friday the Church voted to accept membership in the World Council of Churches. The chair ruled that this motion was a substitute for the South Central District memorial. Accordingly, Saturday forenoon the order of business was the adoption of Union Resolution II, the Articles of Union. The affirmative vote was, as far I was able to determine, unanimous.

Next came the Separate Ballot on Union, the purpose of which was to commit The Evangelical Lutheran Church to unite with "any or all" of the negotiating Churches which adopt the Convention Resolutions. There was some discussion of this resolution, but nothing against the union was argued. This was a written ballot, a two-thirds majority being necessary to carry. The tellers announced the result: *Yes*—1,377; *No*—129. This was a more than ten-to-one victory for the union.

The rest was routine. Resolution III and Resolution IV, both dealing with the work of the Joint Union Committee for the coming biennium, were unanimously adopted. Then the Committee on Elections submitted nominations for the nine-member ELC Union Committee, which is our delegation on the Joint Union Committee. The following nine men were unanimously elected: Drs. Fredrik A. Schiotz, Alvin N. Rogness, Tillman M. Sogge, Elmer E. Abrahamson, Joseph L. Knutson, Christian K. Preus, the Rev. R. A. Ofstedal, and Drs. O. G. Malmin and Philip S. Dybvig. The last two are new members of the committee; both have served on the Committee on Polity and Organization since it was established. In addition, the Committee on Elections recommended Drs. J. A. Aasgaard, T. F. Gullixson, and J. R. Lavik as advisory members.

## Action by Sister Churches

In a later issue we shall give details about the action taken by our sister Churches on union. Here let it be recorded that the *Lutheran Free Church,* meeting at Fargo the week before our convention, resolved to defer further action a year, in the meanwhile encouraging congregations and districts to study the basic documents. The *United Evangelical Lutheran Church,* meeting at Cedar Falls, Iowa, simultaneously with our convention, adopted all the Union Resolutions after discussion of only one hour. The vote was *Yes*—373; *No*—19.

Proposed Addition for Fairview Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota

**A tiny princess wearing a crown of white joins the grateful ranks of patients of yesterday, today, and of**

# *Fairview's Tomorrow*

Eight-month-old Renee Lutz was a tiny princess in the Fairview Hospital pediatrics section a few weeks ago, a crown of white circling her head in evidence of most unusual medical distinction. The three front skull bones on the right side of Renee's head grew together too soon, leaving no expansion room for her brain.

Skull bones normally are held together by a somewhat flexible, fibrous material until they knit together as a solid skullbone at about the age of two years. That's when the brain and the inside space of the skull become as large as they ever will. But with Renee, the frontal, parietal, and temporal bones on the right side of her head started knitting together soon after she was born, June 15, 1955.

The surgeon who operated on Renee at Fairview described the condition as very infrequent, almost rare. He made an incision in her scalp across the top of her head from ear to ear in order to work on the skull bones. He re-opened the space between the three bones and fixed the frontal bone into place to overcome its sunken position. A plastic material was attached to the edges of the bones to delay their closing together. As Renee grows older, it will be difficult for anyone to tell she ever had an operation.

(One other important event that will be noted in Renee's baby book occurred during her hospitalization. She cut her first tooth!)

Thus, Renee and her parents join the grateful ranks of Fairview Hospital's patients of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, who have known or will know the blessing of her ministry of healing.

Fairview Hospital is owned by an association of 2 ELC congregations of Hennepin County. The pastc and one elected delegate represent each congregatio in the Fairview Hospital Association. The hospital, nov in its 50th year of service to the community, is a 280 bed general, non-profit hospital. Some of the vital serv ices performed by the hospital during 1955 are:

11,361 patients admitted
2,189 babies born
375,029 meals served
107,106 laboratory tests completed
8,117 operations performed.

Fairview has a full-time resident chaplain, who i responsible for all religious activities of the hospita and of the school of nursing. This past year he has beer assisted for the first time by a student intern from Luther Seminary. Chapel services are held daily for patients, visitors, and hospital personnel.

An expansion program begun this June will make Fairview Hospital the only private voluntary hospital

the city of Minneapolis to offer both psychiatric and abilitation services. The total cost of this program is imated at $1,500,000. A Federal grant of $423,675 has n awarded under the Hill-Burton Program towards nstruction of this new unit.

The chronic unit will be geared to care for patients o do not require as intensive clinical and diagnostic vices as needed by the acutely ill. The main emasis will be on rehabilitation and early ambulation, th much of the rehabilitation work done in the new cupational and physical therapy departments.

At present about one fourth of the patients at Fairw are over 65 years old. Many of these patients do t require the expensive services available in a general ute hospital and could advantageously be transferred the chronic unit. Other patients expected to be cared r would be those requiring a long hospital convalesnt period. This group would include patients recovering from orthopedic surgery, heart attacks, strokes, and similar illnesses.

This unit will contain 24 two-bed rooms, each with private washroom and toilet. A dining room, day room, and sun room will be available for ambulatory patients. The extensive use of these rooms fits into the overall plan of encouraging early ambulation and group activity.

The name "chronic" unit is probably a misnomer; "sub-acute" unit or "convalescent and rehabilitation" unit would be more understandable. It is not to become merely a nursing home, but rather it is to offer an intermediate and more effective level of care between an acute general hospital and a nursing home.

FAIRVIEW'S PSYCHIATRIC UNIT will fit in with today's belief that prevention is a keynote of medical care. Competent individuals in this field believe that nervous

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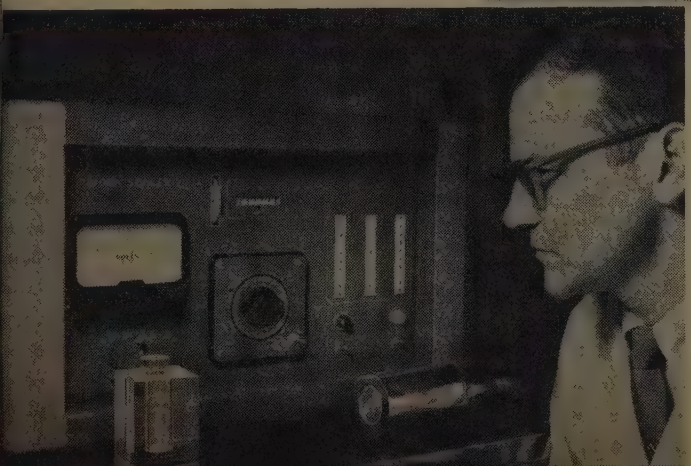
relatively new unit is the pediatrics section designed to accommodate 18 to 22 hildren up to eleven years old. Windows the suite are placed so that nurses can eep an eye on occupants of the section ithout moving from the nursing station. special feature is the high humidity oom for the treatment of respiratory ailments. The area also includes a playroom quipped by the Women's Auxiliary.



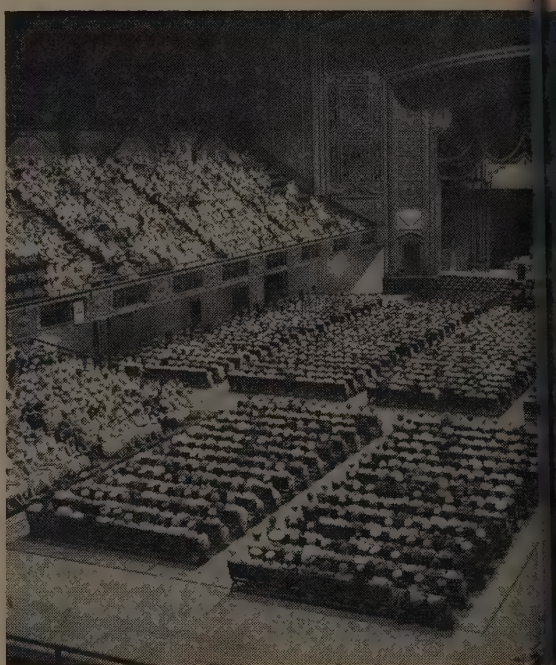
Atomic medicine now plays a part in the routine laboratory procedures at Fairview Hospital. Studies of the thyroid gland, using radioactive sodium iodide, are now being conducted by the radiology department. A capsule of the radioactive material is swallowed by the patient, and later the radiologist determines the accumulation of the material in the thyroid gland by use of a detector which is similar to a geiger counter.

# THE WOMEN OF TH

Above—three presidents: Mrs. Oscar Branstad, president of the WMF, Miss Arlette Pederson, president of the LDR, and Dr. Fredrik Schiotz, president of the ELC.

**3,373 women attended the WMF convention in the Minneapolis auditorium, June 21-22, and that's a lot of women! The convention program included addresses by Dr. Schiotz on "Your Church"; Dr. Robert H. Boyd on Israel; Dr. Paul C. Empie on world missions and Lutheran World Action; and Dr. Rolf A. Syrdal on the foreign mission program. There were also an education panel, moderated by Miss Joan Swanson of Minneapolis, and an evangelism skit written and staged by Mrs. Erling Wold of North Hollywood, Calif. Mrs. Wold and her two children, Michael and Kristi, were prevented from appearing in the skit, as scheduled, by one of those minor catastrophes common to young families—the children got the mumps!**

**To Mrs. Branstad, president of the WMF, the highlight of the convention was not one special event, but the spiritual enthusiasm of the convention-goers. We think the pictures on these pages convey some of that feeling.**



Pictured to the right is a scene familiar to any observer of convention exhibits. Gail colored baskets and jewelry made by Indian of Wisconsin were being sold to interested customers. This is a project that has been taken over recently by the boys at the Homme Children's Home at Wittenberg, Wisconsin who are getting much deserved satisfaction from their "business" venture.

Three young pastors' wives meet over the ubiquitous coffee cups to discuss the WMF program for the day—and perhaps their children (a total of eight for these three). They are Mrs. Calvin Berg of Boyd, Minn., Mrs. J. M. Donhowe of New Richmond, Wis., and Mrs. Arvid Bidne of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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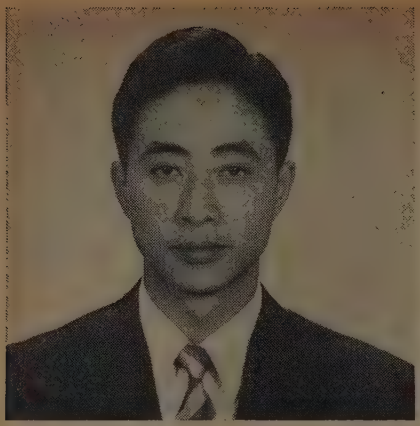
Children of "convention mothers" were welcomed to the nursery by having name bracelets tied on their wrists. Nursery facilities at Wesley Methodist Church were offered to the convention, and judging from the above photo they were put to good use. If there were tears, they were quickly dried as dolls, coloring books and cut-outs, rocking horses, and other toys intrigued the young visitors to play. Mrs. Lloyd Eikum, who is in charge of the nursery, graciously contributed her services.

Those who registered numbered 3,373! Among them were 1,359 delegates, 1,304 visitors, 632 pastors' wives, 50 circuit officers, and 28 missionaries. Representation came, too, from Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii. The crowd was vast indeed that gathered from far places to discuss the theme, "Rekindle the gift of God that is within you."

Flags of many nations welcomed visitors to the Foreign Mission exhibit. The WMF, always ardent supporters of Foreign Missions projects, designated that their convention offering go to the mission at Sogamoso, Colombia, South America.



# Miracle in America

New hope and life in America have come to Mr. and Mrs. James Sun. Miss Cora Martinson, the missionary whom God used to bring light to these friends in Hong Kong, China, wrote to members of Grace Lutheran Church, Palo Alto, California, asking if they would provide assurance for the Suns to emigrate here. The congregation responded gladly. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Christiansen would open their home to them. Al Kuball, Jr., guaranteed a job for Mr. Sun. This was last August.

In November a sad blow fell. A cable stated that Mr. Sun had nasal cancer, and treatment was impossible in China. The congregation considered this grave report and then voted unanimously to keep their assurance i force and to underwrite all medical expense. They fe that this young couple needed their help more than eve

The State Department found it difficult to belie that even Christians would help an unknown foreigne to this extent. But the local clinic and hospital bot assured the department that they would be glad t admit Mr. Sun. Finally a cable clearing the last red tap was received from Washington, D.C.

On December 20, a little girl was born to the Sun Because God had been so good to them in giving ther salvation and then an assurance to America, they calle the little girl Grace. Only later did they realize tha this was also the name of their sponsoring congregatio

It was determined that James leave first to get th treatments started as quickly as possible. In the col grey dawn of January 4, he arrived at the San Francisc Airport. He and the pastor then drove to the churc and knelt before God's altar in prayer.

In the days that followed, the diagnosis, followin a minor operation, revealed that it was definitely malig nant cancer. Then came x-ray treatments, stepped up i intensity until they were as great as could be used.

In the meantime, it was possible for Celia and littl Grace to fly the same route and they arrived in San Francisco in February.

Deep x-ray treatment continued. . . . Mr. Sun's re covery was remarkable, in fact miraculous. The docto said he had never had a patient who recovered as quick ly. The lumps disappeared. James' spirit soared. Th congregation has joined in a round-the-clock praye agreement that his healing may be complete.

Final diagnosis will not be possible for another si months, and the permanent cure will not be establishe for at least five years. But the bright hope of a new life is indeed before this young couple. Already th congregation has been blessed by their presence.

An assurance has also been extended to Mrs. Sun' sister and her husband. It is now hoped that they ca join the Suns in America soon.

## irview's Tomorrow

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d mental units in private hospitals aimed primarily early diagnosis and treatment will aid in prevention long-term confinement in state institutions. Based experience in other cities, the length of patient stay uld be about two to four weeks.

There will be a total of 37 beds, seven for acutely turbed patients and 30 for depressed patients. There ll be day-room and dining-room facilities for both es of patients. A separate nursing station is pro-sed for the acutely disturbed section to assure ade-ate supervision.

It is believed that nervous and mental patients will nefit greatly from occupational therapy, which will easily accessible to them. Staff doctors will work sely with the new electroencephalography laboratory ened this past summer. All other clinical and diag-stic facilities of a modern complete general hospital ll be available to aid the doctors in caring for nervous d mental patients.

Another advantage in having a psychiatric unit in a ivate general hospital is that it is a step toward re-oving the deplorable but real social stigma that is ll attached to mental illness. Persons admitted with nervous and mental illness will be accepted in the me manner as those with a physical illness; they will patients at Fairview Hospital, not at "a mental in-itution."

Classroom and laboratory space for the Fairview hool of Nursing will have to be provided. A large apel and assembly area for student nurses are also itical needs. Construction of these facilities will be part of the expansion program, but the cost cannot shared by the government's grant.

TAKING AN ACTIVE PART in the appeal for funds to nance this significant expansion program is the Wom-n's Auxiliary of Fairview Hospital. Their keen inter-st is apparent as the members of a speakers' bureau xplain the program to the women's organizations of he ELC churches.

The Women's Auxiliary and Volunteer Corps con-ribute to the welfare of the patients by operating a ift and coffee shop, the proceeds of which go into a ee bed fund. Volunteers also serve as receptionists nd play-ladies, and give personal services to patients.

The services of an outstanding staff and administra-on, the support of the ELC congregations in the com-unity, and the active interest of many individuals all ake Fairview Hospital's tomorrow bright with the pportunity to render broader service as an agency of he Church.

# What Are Your Motivations?

Harold B. Kildahl, Jr.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
July 8, 1956
Text: Matthew 5:20-26

Why do you do the things you do? The over-simplified answer to such a question is the answer—"Because I am a sinner." Now this is true. No doubt of that. But the answer sought in the text for today is somewhat more involved. Here motivations are in the foreground; here basic thoughts play a decisive role in the center of life's stage. Our Lord does not limit the probe of truth to what is observed on the surface of life. He goes deep, into the heart.

Why do you do the things you do? Could it be that you are jealous of your fellowmen? Do others seem to succeed where you fail? Do others seem "to get all the breaks" and you just get nothing at all? Is this why you harbor that feeling of bitterness, or is this the cause of that angry outburst?

Could it be that you are living with insecurity dogging your mind and spirit, insecurity caused by the conviction that you are inferior in your capacities, inferior in your abilities and accomplishments; and because this insecurity has gained a strong grip on your mind do you express it in your strong words, your slurring remarks, your critical and caustic observations?

Could it be that you are living a false life—a life of pretension and masquerade? Are you appearing to others as something while at the same time you know deep down in your heart that you are something else, something entirely opposite to the ideas others have of you? Are you living a lie? This could be the motivating reason for your behavior.

Now it certainly is true that our Lord was probing today. It was not simply a matter of having guilt blood on one's hands that concerned Him. He was greatly concerned with thoughts, with motives, with words, with temper and all the rest, and He went on to say that the attitude vies with the act for importance.

Therefore, Christian friend, hear the admonition—make peace with your fellowmen. Even at the risk of embarrassment, go to your fellowman and make peace. Don't carry that smouldering ember of enmity in your heart. It's a dangerous thing, one that God beholds and regards without pleasure, worthy of eternal punishment.

You really don't need a psychiatrist. You really don't need a pastor who tries to be a psychiatrist. You need the Word of God in your heart, and the realization of a loving Savior in your life. You simply need to be honest and frank, open and sincere with the Word of truth, and let the truth dwell in you richly. Amen.

# Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Heste

## TOWARD THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**The Epistle: Romans 6:19-23** **The Gospel: Mark 8:**

### Monday, July 9
### WHOSE SLAVE?
**Read Romans 6:20-23**

*But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life.*

It makes a difference whose slave you are. The difference is seen in life and in the fruits and results of that life. Either you are a slave of sin, held in its bonds, or you are the free slave of God held only by the soul's and heart's response to God's great love.

The end of sin is death. It can't be anything else but that. Sin destroys. It ruins everything it touches. A life of sin can end in nothing but eternal death.

But there is a bright side. There is a side with God. God has defeated sin and called sinners to come under His grace. He sets them free so that they become enslaved by love to follow Him And this new life is not without fruit. It is full of growth. Its return is sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Whose slave are you? Be sure it is God to whom you are fully given.

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### Tuesday, July 10
### PROGRESSION
**Read Mark 4:26-29**

*"The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear."*

There are many laws that God has put into motion that cannot be changed. The law of gravity is one of them. This law abides always and must be taken into account. There is a law likewise in the realm of the spiritual. The Kingdom was created by God and its destiny is the harvest. God will have a harvest despite the enemy. He has planted the Kingdom and it has grown. And when the grain is ripe, "at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

How thankful we are that God cannot be swerved from His loving purposes. Up through the ages He has preserved His Church so that today it is still among us, the servant of the Kingdom. It is the only thing that has remained the same in its purpose, and the Word tells us that it alone shall survive into eternity.

Let us be grateful to God for the Church, and number ourselves with it.

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### Wednesday, July 11
### THE HAPPY MAN
**Read Romans 4:1-8**

*"Blessed are those whose iniqui are forgiven, and whose sins are cover blessed is the man against whom Lord will not reckon his sin."*

There are many ideas on what it is be happy. Some people think that they had a lot of money they wo have happiness. Or fame. If they w famous as writers, for instance. But w is it that those who have acquired t fame go about wearing dark glasses that they shall not be recognized? O carefree life with nothing to do but lo Both those who have no money wor and those who need not go to work testify to the fact that they do not h the answer by these things to happin

What then brings true happiness? T answer is simply this: peace with G This is had only where there is f giveness of sins. That is why this p sage says that the forgiven man is bless He is right with God. The burden lifted. He is rid of problem Number O Do you know what it is to be tr happy?

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### Thursday, July 12
### THEY FORGOT BREAD
**Read Matthew 16:5-12**

*When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread.*

This was an oversight on the part of the Disciples. But Jesus used it as an opening to discuss with them matters of greater importance.

What if they had forgotten Jesus? Of course, this was not bound to happen, but Peter was to deny Him later on, and Judas was going to betray Him, and Thomas was going to doubt Him.

Many people forget bread today. Many people forget the Bread of Life. In their minds they may say to themselves, "Sure, I believe. Sure, I know that Christ is important." They may even figure that all is well with their soul even though they live as though they never heard of the sacrificial, redeeming love of God.

But they are in grave danger. They are guilty of dangerous forgetfulness. They need to bring to remembrance the most important truth that they can know.

Have you forgotten anything?

### Friday, July 13
### MY SHEPHERD
**Read Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

This is, without a doubt, the most comforting of all the words of Scripture. It is the Gospel made personal. "I," "my," and "me," are repeated all through the Psalm. It is not a selfish statement, it is the glad confession of a redeemed soul. It is the heart pointing to the Savior in Whom it believes and trusts. It does not tell what I can do, it tells what the Shepherd does for me. It is not the boast of a little king, it is the description of the Savior-King.

This is, perhaps, the most memorized part of the Bible. To have it stamped on the memory is fine, but to have its imprint in the hard experiences of life is best of all. And how well it matches and betters the worst life has to offer. Both in joy and sorrow the Shepherd is at hand, watchful. Both here and hereafter His shepherding continues.

Has the Shepherd found you? Are you depending upon His faithful leading?

### Saturday, July 14
### FOR ITS OWN SAKE
**Read Luke 14:12-15**

*"But when you give a feast, invite poor, the maimed, the lame, the blin*

Jesus set His finger upon a true, h man characteristic when He spoke of pe ple inviting friends in to eat with t idea that they would be invited in retu He said that this may be the underlyi idea in putting on the feast. Not for own sake, mind you, but with somethi else in mind. He suggested that it wou be better to invite those who would n be in position to return the invitation

There are so many things we can in this world for their own sake. Be lo ing simply to be loving. Be a friend wit out thinking that this will be to advantage. Be helpful without thinki that you put people in debt to you that some day they will have to pay y back in some way.

Christianity gives and gives witho a thought for "what am I going to g out of it?" To love and do and stri free of this, to do these things for the own sake, is a joyous experience. It is the Spirit of Christ.

# Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

## RMAN GIVING CREASES

sixfold increase in German Luther- contributions to international inter- rch aid projects during the past e years was reported to the Gener- Synod of the United Evangelical theran Church of Germany. The rman churches, which received aid m others through 1952, made "an ut-face in 1953 to change from re- ving to giving," and gave 357,000 rman marks or about $85,000 to p others during the 1955-56 fiscal r.

Dr. Karl Nagengast, German repre- tative to the Department of Luther- World Service of the Lutheran rld Federation, voiced hope that tributions to LWS projects from rman member churches will reach ),000 marks or $95,000 during the 56-57 fiscal year. He stressed that German Lutheran gifts to inter- urch and relief projects sponsored by VS were "an expression of gratitude all the help we received during the st-war years from other churches, ecially the Lutherans."

Dr. Nagengast urged the synod to p up efforts to interpret church life hind the Iron Curtain to the world, d to support European minority urches, in order to release American d other contributions to LWS for ief work in the refugee disaster eas in the Holy Land and the Far st.

Not included in these budgets is the nsiderable help given by West Ger- an Lutherans to the Communist- pressed sister churches in East Ger- any.

## NATE APPROVES PLANE ARES FOR CLERGY

he Senate passed and sent to the ouse a bill authorizing domestic and reign airlines to grant reduced fares clergymen. It adopted an amend- ent, however, specifying that the re- uced fares shall be applicable only on "space available basis." Sen. Warren . Magnuson (D.-Wash.) explained

## SERVICE OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

RNS Photo

An interdenominational service of prayer and thanksgiving marking the second anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision outlawing racial segregation was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. Principals at the service were left to right: The Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, Episcopal Bishop of New York; the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. of Montgomery, Ala., and Dean James A. Pike of the cathedral. The service was sponsored by the Greater New York Committee for a National Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving and the Protestant Council of the City of New York. Dr. King is a leader of Montgomery's boycott against Jim Crow buses.

## CHURCH ADS ON TAXIS

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"Go-to-Church" signs like this are being displayed on the rear of more than 300 cruising cabs of the Independent Taxi Operators of Baltimore, Md. This is believed to be the first time that advertising of this kind has been used to boost church attendance in any major city. The space is contributed by the association. Behind the taxi church attendance drive are Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish laymen.

this meant clergymen would be carried at lower rates only when they did not displace regular fare-paying passengers. On this basis, he said, it would not be necessary to limit lower fares to airlines that are not receiving government subsidies. Since a clergyman would be occupying space otherwise empty, he said, subsidized airlines could not claim a larger subsidy payment because of the special fares, and no question of indirect government subsidies to churches would arise.

Extension of the clergy fare privileges to subsidized overseas carriers will be of major benefit to missionary groups, because airlines operating to Africa and Asia are all receiving subsidies.

In the House a similar bill is at least temporarily blocked. If the Civil Aeronautics Board and Air Transport Association should find the Senate bill acceptable, there is a possibility of action before the July adjournment date of Congress, according to Religious News Service.

## HUSBAND-WIFE CHURCH PASTORS

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The Rev. Dr. William Sahakian and his wife, the Rev. Mabel Sahakian, of First Congregational Church, Chelsea, Mass., are one of the few husband-wife ministerial teams in the country. He serves as pastor of the church, while his wife serves as associate pastor. Mrs. Sahakian, mother of four, officiates at baptisms, funerals, and other church functions. In addition she acts as her husband's secretary. The clergywoman says she inherited her love for church work from her grandmother. Dr. Sahakian, 34, is head of the philosohy department at Suffolk University, Boston.

## NO PENALTY FOR INTEGRATION IN PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

The education committee of the Louisiana legislature reported unfavorably on two bills aimed at penalizing Roman Catholic and other private schools that permit racial integration. Sponsors of the bill immediately said they would try to force the measures out on the Senate floor through a minority report.

One of the bills would withdraw tax exemption from schools that do not enforce segregation. The other would deny them free school books, lunches, or any other form of state aid. It also would forbid state colleges or universities to recognize a certificate of graduation from any school that mixes white and Negro pupils.

One member of the committee, who voted against the measures, said he did not think the legislature had the right to set rules for parochial and private schools since it does not operate them.

## HOUSE APPROVES PAYMENT FOR POPE'S RESIDENCE

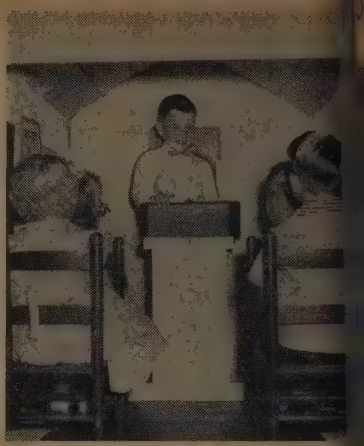
The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to authorize payment of $964,199.35 to Vatican City in full settlement of all claims and damages arising out of the accidental bombing of the Pope's summer residence during World War II. The House Foreign Affairs Committee said that serious damage was caused by U. S. Army Air Force planes that were attacking nearby military installations in 1944.

During the war, Vatican City was a neutral country entitled under international law to damages from any of the belligerents which accidentally attacked its territory. The U. S. has paid similar compensation to Switzerland for accidental bombings.

## ONE STEP IN LIQUOR BAN ON PLANES

A bill to ban the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial airlines was approved by the House Subcommittee on Air Transportation. The subcommittee overrode opposition from the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Air Transport Association, and recommended enactment of H.R.8000. Its report was referred to the full House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce for action. Sentiment in this committee is believed favorable to the legislation, which received strong support from religious and temperance groups at recent public hearings.

## FOUR-YEAR-OLD PREACHER



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Four-year-old Billy Zell "preaches" in the four-seat model church which youngsters of Central Nazarene Sunday school in Miami built in a "do-it-yourself" project. Children take turns in being both congregation and preacher in the small structure in order to learn how to behave at a regular service. The youthful congregation sings simple hymns and the "preacher" reads Bible verses. The model church measures four and one half feet high, six feet long and four and one half feet wide. Some 60 youngsters had a part in the project.

## WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Pulpit and altar fellowship has been established between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Netherlands and the Netherlands Reformed Church. Synods of the respective Churches approved a document consisting of a series of statements on the Sacrament of the Altar which had been agreed upon by a Joint Committee of the two groups. . . . Representatives of the 14 churches in the Norwegian Baptist Conference of America have voted to dissolve the 46-year-old body and make it an integral part of the American Baptist Convention. . . . Ohio Methodists have set a goal of four million dollars as the minimum amount needed to build and endow a theological seminary in the state.

# Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

Dr. P. M. Glasoe

## R. GLASOE OF ST. OLAF ASSES AWAY

Dr. P. M. Glasoe, 82-year-old profes-or emeritus of chemistry at St. Olaf College, died June 15 following a troke. He retired in 1950 after almost half century of close association with he college.

In 1902 the noted educator became he first to receive a Ph.D. in chem-stry from the University of Minne-ota, following undergraduate studies t Luther College, Valparaiso, and the Jniversity of Minnesota. The Univer-ity honored him in 1953 with a cita-ion "Alumni Achievement Award," ecognizing his contribution to chem-stry education.

During brief leaves of absence he erved as president of Spokane Col-ege from 1907 to 1910, and president f Augustana College from 1916 to 1918. From 1919 to 1943, Dr. Glasoe served as vice president of St. Olaf College and during one year, 1927, served as president of the college.

Together with professor emeritus Dr. E. O. Ellingson, Dr. Glasoe laid he foundation of the highly rated St. Olaf chemistry department. Just two ears ago his efforts were acknowl-dged through dedication of the Gla-oe Chemistry Library in that depart-ment.

## FACULTY NEWS NOTES

***Jorgen S. Thompson,*** dean of men and assistant professor of psychology at Augustana College, received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Minnesota on June 9. Thompson is a graduate of St. Olaf College, received his master's degree from the University of Colorado, and has been on the staff of Augustana College since 1947.

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***Mr. David R. Green,*** instructor of French and physical education at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., has accepted a teaching assistantship with the Romance Language Department of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Green will begin his teaching and graduate study at Northwestern this fall.

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***Miss Irene Creso,*** assistant professor of biology at Pacific Lutheran College, has received a summer study fellowship in botany at Cornell University. The Botanical Society of America sponsors the summer institute of botany for college teachers, and it is financed by the National Science Foundation.

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***Dr. Kristen B. Solberg,*** associate professor of psychology at Pacific Lutheran College, has been elected president of the Tacoma Association of Psychologists.

## EAST HALL DEDICATED AT ST. OLAF COLLEGE

East Hall at St. Olaf College was dedicated on commencement day, June 3. The modern, $250,000 glass-faced structure houses eighty sophomore girls and marks the first step in a ten million dollar college expansion program over the next twenty years.

With two stories and a lower level, the building was designed to fit one of the finest building sites on campus, according to the architect.

The dedication day ceremonies were conducted by Dr. Clemens Granskou, St. Olaf president; and Dr. E. C. Reinertson, president of the ELC Southern Minnesota District.

Now on the drawing board, and scheduled to go under construction this summer, are two more dormitories with a combined cost of more than a million dollars. A 168-man residence will be erected on the north side of the campus, and a unit for 156 women students will be added to Hilleboe Hall at the southwest corner of the college grounds.

Sometime after the completion of these dormitories, the new East Hall will be converted into an up-to-date center for the college art department which now has studios on the lower level along with offices of the college placement bureau.

# Within the E.L.C.

## PERSONS

**The Rev. Clifford Ritland,** Pekin, N. Dak., has accepted a call to Hope Church, Eau Claire, Wis., and will begin his work there Sept. 1.

**The Rev. Arnold W. Nelson,** Silverton, Wash., has accepted a call to become senior pastor of Our Savior's Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

**The Rev. Luverne Runestad,** Maywood, Ill., has accepted a call to become one of the pastors of Grace Church, Elmwood Park, Ill. The Rev. Owen Gangstead is senior pastor of this parish.

**The Rev. Gustav B. Odegaard,** religion instructor at St. Olaf College, has accepted a position as assistant to the president of the Southern Minnesota District, with headquarters in Northfield.

**The Rev. Severin Gjerde** recently terminated a ten-month interim pastorate in Estherville Church, Estherville, Iowa. His home is in Blue Earth, Minn.

## DISTRICTS

### Eastern

**Detroit, Mich.** Holy Savior Church, parish of the Rev. R. J. S. Vordale, reports the recent accession of sixty-three new members.

**Waterford, Wis.** Norway Church gave a surprise party on June 10 in commemoration of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Paulson, and of his ordination.

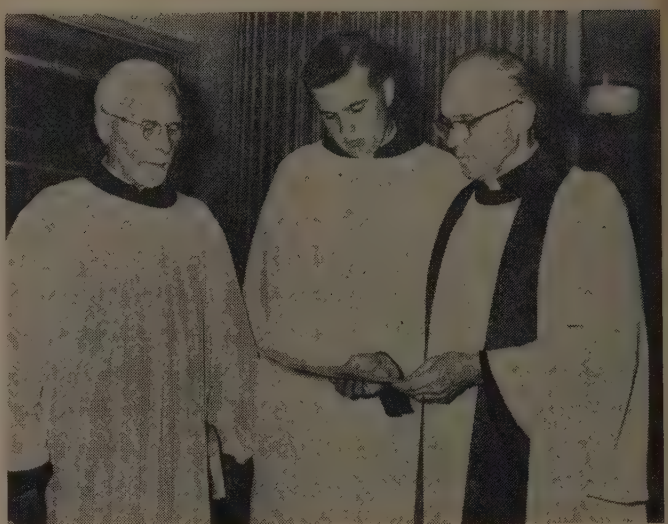
**Portland, Maine.** On June 17 First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Herman E. Jorgensen, Jr., voted to dispose of its downtown property, where it has had its church for many years, and relocate in a residence district.

### Southern Minnesota

**St. Paul, Minn.** Dr. and Mrs. Erling Hestenes, whose stipend as missionaries to South Africa is provided by Christ Church, were given a farewell reception by the church on June 17, prior to their departure for the field late in June.

**Minneapolis, Minn.** The Rev. and Mrs. Maynard G. Halvorson were given a farewell dinner on June 1 at the

## THREE GENERATIONS OF PASTORS



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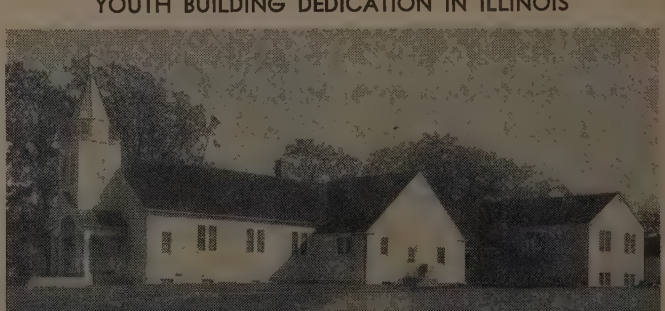
The above picture shows grandfather, father, and son, shortly after the ordination of th son by the father. They are, left to right: Dr. Jacob Tanner, 90, Bible instructor a Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa; the Rev. Ira Tanner, who will serve at Greenwoo Wis.; and the Rev. I. J. Tanner, Oconomowoc, Wis. Three uncles of the ordinand als assisted at the ordination: The Rev. A. S. Tanner, St. Paul, Minn.; the Rev. Arvid Romstad Evansville, Wis.; and the Rev. Alf Romstad, Viroqua, Wis.

## YOUTH BUILDING DEDICATION IN ILLINOIS



The new youth building of Trinity Church of Long Lake, Ingleside, Illinois was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, April 15, by Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. The new building provides room for 300 Sunday school pupils; it also contains a pastor's study and a youth room which has been furnished by the young people of the congregation. The Rev. Myron J. Hoff is the parish pastor.

heran Bible Institute by members St. Paul's Church, which he has n serving for eight years, and also other friends in the Minneapolis a. They will shortly leave for their v field in Honolulu, Hawaii. ong speakers at the dinner was yor Eric Hoyer of Minneapolis, o presented Pastor Halvorson with certificate of distinguished civic vice.

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**Nashwauk, Minn.** An unusual bap- nal service was held on June 7 at shwauk Church, parish of the Rev. E. Bey, when twenty-seven children varying ages, together with two ults, were christened. These new mbers were won by the recently ganized Martha Circle in the parish.

**th Central**

**Sioux City, Iowa.** The cornerstone the $300,000 church being built by orningside Church, parish of the v. Geo. P. Larson, was laid on June by Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of e South Central District.

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June 11-15, 1956

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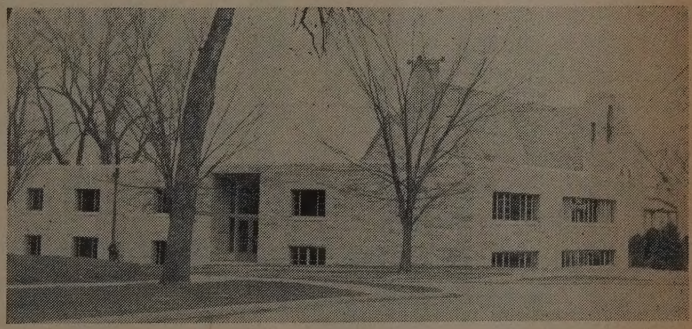
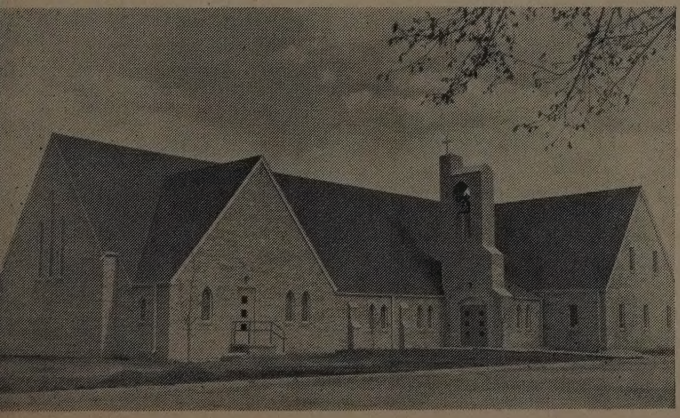
| Assurances | |
| To January 1 | 2,220 |
| June 11-15 | 106 |
| Total Assurances | 9,355 |
| Arrival of Refugees | |
| To January 1 | 61 |
| June 11-15 | 68 |
| Total Refugees Arrived | 6,075 |

## PARISH HOUSE DEDICATED

A new parish education building, costing about $130,000 and containing among other facilities twenty-four class rooms, was dedicated by Immanuel Church, parish of the Rev. Burton W. Smith, on Sunday, May 6. Dr. E. C. Reinertson, president of the Southern Minnesota District and a former pastor of Immanuel Church, preached the dedicatory sermon and performed the rite of dedication. Another former pastor of the parish, the Rev. Arndt G. Halvorson of Minneapolis, was also a speaker at dedication festivities. The new building is of Kasota stone, as is also the adjoining church.





## CHURCH DEDICATION

The new $70,000 church of Our Savior's congregation, Fairfax, Minn., was dedicated Sunday afternoon, June 10th, by Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, former president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Guest speakers at other services held on the day of dedication were two former pastors of the parish: O. M. Bratlie, Moorhead, Minn., and W. V. Johnson, Glen Head, N. Y. The sanctuary proper is joined to a two-story parish house. The church has windows dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. Henry Rydland, Mr. Allert Ruud, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson. An altar in the Social Room honors Mr. and Mrs. Jens L. Ness, who for more than thirty years served gratuitously as custodians of the old church.

**Mason City, Iowa.** On June 10, Our Savior's Church held a reception in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Enderson, and of his ordination.

### North Dakota

**Mylo, N. Dak.** Mylo Church, parish of the Rev. Arland Fiske, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on June 17. Guest speakers were three former pastors of the parish: Benjamin Coltvet, Henry Norem, and H. E. Okland. New chancel furnishings and furniture were dedicated.

### California

**Reno, Nevada.** Faith Church in this city was formally organized on June 10, with an initial membership of 91. Of these, 24 were baptized and 15 confirmed at the organization service. Its pastor is the Rev. Amon Johnson, Jr.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The annual meeting of the Waldorf Lutheran College Association will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 1956, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Salveson Hall at Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa. This meeting will conduct the business of the Association, including the election of members of the Board of Trustees.

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## OBITUARY

### The Rev. O. F. Braaten

The Rev. Olaf F. Braaten died in Los Angeles, Calif., May 25, in his 72nd year. Funeral services were held June 2, the Rev. E. H. Wold, pastor of Emmanuel Church, No. Hollywood, officiating. The Rev. K. F. Braaten spoke on behalf of the family. Pastor Braaten was born Jan. 27, 1885 at Bø, Telemark, Norway. After coming to the United States in 1904, he attended Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., and the United Church Seminary, St. Paul, graduating from the latter institution in 1913. Missionary to China, 1913-21; parish pastor in rural Fergus Falls, Minn., 1922-24; Battle Lake, Minn., 1924-30; Comstock, Minn., 1930-43. Later he lived at Salem, Ore., and Los Angeles. Survivors are his wife, nee Clara M. Hagen, two sons, five daughters, and two brothers: K. F. and T. F. Braaten, missionaries to Madagascar.

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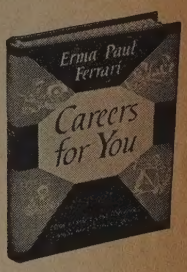


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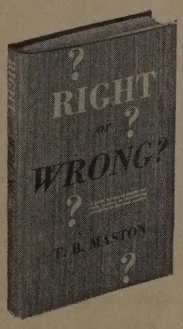


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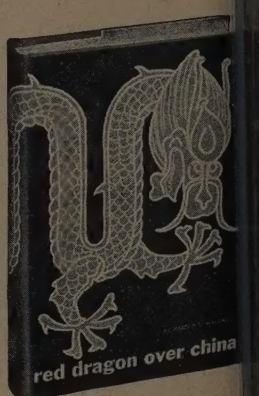


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